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ECTORS' MEETING, COPENHAGEN, JUNE 6-7, 1978: ENLARGE-
MENT AND POLITICAL COOPERATION

REFS: (A) COPENHAGEN 2815, (B) COPENHAGEN 2797

1. DANISH MFA EC PRESIDENCY CHIEF JORGEN BOJER SAID THAT THE
POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE
ENLARGEMENT PROCESS FOR POLITICAL COOPERATION TOOK UP MOST
OF THE TIME OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS. THEY AGREED TO SUB-
MIT TO FOREIGN MINISTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THEIR JUNE 12
MEETING THE REPORT ON ENLARGEMENT - SPECIFICALLY IMPLICATIONS
FOR GREECE - THAT HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE GROUP OF CORRES-
PONDENTS. (BOJER WAS THE CHIEF DRAFTSMAN OF THIS REPORT.)
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2. THE DISCUSSION AND THE DECISIONS ON THIS AGENDA TOPIC WERE
COMPLICATED AND THEIR DISPOSITION BY MINISTERS IS UNDERTAIN.
BOJER SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT HIS BRIEFING ON THIS SUBJECT BE
HELD CLOSELY AND ASKED US TO BE SURE THAT IT DID NOT GET BACK
TO THE GREEKS AND TURKS THEMSELVES.

3. THE CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT ON GREECE RECOMMENDED:

- THAT THE NINE PASS INFORMATION TO GREECE ON POLITICAL CO-OPERATION BEFORE THE GREEKS SIGN THE INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION.
- THAT POLITICAL "CONSULTATION" BEGIN AFTER SIGNATURE.
- THAT FULL "POLITICAL COOPERATION" BEGIN AFTER GREECE'S RATIFICATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

4. IF THE MINISTERS AGREE, THIS PLAN OF ACTION WILL BE ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED VIS-A-VIS THE GREEKS AS OF JUNE 26 AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IN BRUSSELS BETWEEN THE GREEKS AND THE COUNCIL AND COMMISSION. THE FIRST STEP WOULD BE TO HAND OVER TO THE GREEKS A PACKAGE OF DOCUMENTS OUTLINING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE EC POLITICAL COOPERATION PROCESS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE PAPER ON "EUROPEAN IDENTITY," THE LUXEMBOURG AND COPENHAGEN REPORTS, AND THE NINE'S RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR POLITICAL COOPERATION."

5. BOJER CONTINUED THAT MINISTERIAL APPROVAL OF THIS RELATIVELY NEAT PROPOSAL MAY NOT BE OBTAINED ON JUNE 12 AND THAT THE WHOLE THING MAY BE PUT OFF UNTIL SEPTEMBER. THIS WOULD BE DUE TO THE BELIEF ON THE PART OF SOME OF THE NINE THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT VIS-A-VIS GREECE UNTIL THE NINE DECIDE ON THE DETAILS OF HOW TO WORK OUT A "COMPENSATION" FOR TURKEY.

6. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED A PAPER PREPARED BY THE CORRESPONDENTS ON THE "TURKEY OFFSET". BOJER REPEATED THE FAMILIAR TURKISH FEAR THAT AS GREECE BECOMES EVER CLOSER TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNITY, THE NINE WILL SIDE WITH GREECE AGAINST THE TURKS (REF B). THE BOTTOM LINE FOR THE TURKS, SAID BOJER, SEEMS TO BE THAT THEY WANT TO HAVE AVAILABLE SOME SORT OF VEHICLE WITH THE NINE THAT THEY CAN USE TO GET ACROSS THEIR VIEWS AS GREECE MOVES IN.

7. THE NINE SOLIDLY AGREED THAT A NON-MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY CANNOT TAKE PART IN "POLITICAL COOPERATION." THE PRACTICAL OPTIONS, SAID BOJER RANGE, ON THE ONE HAND, FROM BRIEFING THE TURKS ON THE RESULTS OF THE VARIOUS MEETINGS OF THE NINE UNDER THE RUBRIC OF POLITICAL COOPERATION, TO, ON THE OTHER HAND, CONVENING A "SECOND MEETING" WITH THE TURKS AFTER AN EC-9 POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING. THE LATTER WOULD PRESUMABLY INVOLVE CALLING IN THE TURKS AFTER THE FORMAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED IN ORDER TO ENGAGE THEM IN AN EXCHANGE.

8. BOTH ENDS OF THESE OPTIONS HAVE PRACTICAL AND SUBSTANTIVE DRAWBACKS AND SOMETHING IN THE MIDDLE WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. BOJER OBSERVED THAT THE BURDEN OF THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESSES WITH THE TURKS CANNOT BE PLACED ON THE PRESIDENCY ALONE BECAUSE "ONE DAY THE GREEKS WILL BE PRESIDENT." HE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE WAS SOME TALK AMONG POLITICAL DIRECTORS ABOUT A PERIOD WHEN BOTH TURKEY AND GREECE WOULD BE AT MORE OR LESS THE SAME POINT IN THEIR

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE NINE BEFORE
GREECE JUMPED AHEAD.

9. BOJER NOTED THAT THERE WAS A WIDE DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS AMONG
THE NINE ON THIS WHOLE QUESTION. THE CORRESPONDENTS' WRITTEN RE-
PORT ON PROPOSALS FOR BRINGING GREECE INTO THE POLITICAL COOPER-
ATION PROCESS WILL GO FORWARD BUT, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED NOT TO
FORWARD TO THE MINISTERS THE CORRESPONDENTS' WRITTEN REPORT ON
TURKEY. PRIMARILY IN ORDER TO INHIBIT LEAKS COMING FROM THE RELA-
TIVELY WIDE DISSEMINATION GIVEN WRITTEN REPORTS, DANISH FOREIGN
MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN WILL ORALLY BRIEF HIS COLLEAGUES AT THEIR
JUNE 12 MEETING ON THE OPTIONS OPEN FOR THE "TURKEY OFFSET." DEAN

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